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Also, please make Switched Digital Video illegal. Many cable companies are planning to implement SDV and it will make all current cable card enabled devices obsolete, since it requires two way communication and all current cable card devices are one way only. SDV is a way to circumvent FCC regulations and should be stopped now.

Sincerely,

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